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# FEDERAL AGENCY NEWS & REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS



#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) INFORMATION

#### **AIR INFORMATION:**

POTENTIALLY INADEQUATE MONITORING UNDER TITLE V – On February 16, 2005 (70 FR 7905), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) announced it is requesting comments to help identify monitoring in Title V operating permits that is potentially inadequate with respect to the statutory monitoring requirements. Comments are due April 18, 2005. For more information, contact the United States Army Environmental Center (USAEC) at (410) 436-1213.

PREVENTION OF SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION FOR NITROGEN OXIDES – On February 23, 2005 (70 FR 8879), the USEPA announced it is reevaluating the increments for nitrogen dioxide (NO2), established in 1988, to prevent significant deterioration (PSD) of air quality. Comments are due on April 25, 2005. For more information, contact the USAEC at (410) 436-1213.

### STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY STEAM GENERATING UNITS

– On February 28, 205 (70 FR 9705), the USEPA announced it is proposing to amend the emission standards for particulate matter (PM), sulfur dioxide (SO2), and nitrogen oxides (NOX) in the standards of performance for electric utility steam generating units and industrial-commercial-institutional steam generating units. Only those units that begin construction, modification, or reconstruction after February 28, 2005 would be affected by the proposed amendments. Comments are due by April 29, 2005. For more information, contact the USAEC at (410) 436-1214.

MERCURY EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS FROM POWER PLANTS – The USEPA announced the Clean Air Mercury Rule which regulates mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants. The rule limits mercury emissions from new and existing coal-fired power plants, and creates a market-based cap-and-trade program. For more information, contact Larry Webber, USAEC, at (410) 436-1213. The rule has not been published in the Federal Register, but is available at http://www.epa.gov/mercuryrule/rule.htm.

ADEQUACY STATUS OF THE MEDFORD-ASHLAND PM 10 ATTAINMENT AND MAINTENANCE PLAN – The USEPA gave notice (70 FR 13026) that the Medford-Ashland PM 10 attainment and maintenance plan is adequate for transportation conformity purposes. The finding was effective April 1, 2005. For more information, contact the USAEC at (410) 436-1213.

**OREGON VISIBILITY PROTECTION PLAN** – On March 15, 2005 (70 FR 12587), the USEPA approved revisions to the Oregon visibility protection plan. The revisions are the result of a required periodic review of the visibility protection plan conducted by the state and reflect recommendations from the Oregon Visibility Advisory Committee. Barring any adverse comments, the direct final rule is effective May 16, 2005. For more information, contact the USAEC at (410) 436-1213.

#### **WATER INFORMATION:**

DRAFT INTEGRATED REPORT GUIDANCE ON WATER QUALITY – The USEPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds has released, "Draft 2006 Integrated Report Guidance for Reporting State's Inventory of Water Quality Condition." The objective of this document is to provide states a recommended reporting format and content for their biennial reports that integrate the reporting requirements of the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d) and Section 305(b). Comments are due on March 23, 2005. The document is available at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/owow/tmdl/draft2006lRG/">http://www.epa.gov/owow/tmdl/draft2006lRG/</a>.

**DRINKING WATER CONTAMINANT CANDIDATE LIST 2** – On February 24, 2005 (70 FR 9071), the USEPA announced the final second drinking water Candidate Contaminant List (CCL). Contaminants on this list will be considered under the regulatory determination provision of Safe Drinking Water Act that directs USEPA to select at least five contaminants from the CCL every five years to consider for regulation. The 51 contaminants include nine microbiological and 42 chemicals contaminants. For more information, contact the USAEC at (410) 436-1203.

**DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING** – The USEPA released a training CD with exercises to help train water and wastewater utility workers in preparing and carrying-out emergency response plans. See <a href="http://cfpub.epa.gov/safewater/watersecurity/tools.cfmcd">http://cfpub.epa.gov/safewater/watersecurity/tools.cfmcd</a> for more information.

**DE-DESIGNATION OF OCEAN DREDGED MATERIAL DISPOSAL SITES AND DESIGNATION OF NEW SITES** – On March 2, 2005 (70 FR 10041), the USEPA announced the finalization of its proposal to de-designate four existing ocean dredged material disposal sites located off of the mouth of the Columbia River near the states of Oregon and Washington and to designate two new sites, the Shallow Water site (SWS) and the Deep Water site (DWS). The new sites are needed for long-term use by authorized Columbia River navigation projects and may be available for use by others meeting the criteria for ocean disposal of dredged material. This final site designation and de-designation becomes effective on April 1, 2005. For more information, contact

#### **WASTE INFORMATION:**

**INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF APPROVED STATE HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IN IDAHO** – On February 8, 2005 (70 FR 11132), the USEPA announced the revised codification of the Idaho Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) program authorized by the USEPA. The final rule is effective on March 8, 2005. For more information, contact the USAEC at (410) 436-1265.

MODIFICATION OF THE HAZARDOUS WASTE MANIFEST SYSTEM – On March 4, 2005 (70 FR 10775), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) announced a final rule establishing new revisions to the uniform hazardous waste manifest regulations and the manifest and continuation sheet forms used to track hazardous waste from a generator's site to

the site of its disposal. The revisions will standardize the content and appearance of the manifest form and continuation sheet (Forms 8700-22 and 22a) and adopt new procedures for tracking certain types of waste shipments with the manifest. The final rule becomes effective on September 6, 2005. For more information, contact the USAEC at (410) 436-1265.

**TOXIC EQUIVALENCY REPORTING OF DIOXIN** – On March 7, 2005 (70 FR 10919), the USEPA announced it is proposing revisions to the reporting requirements for the dioxin and dioxin-like compounds category under Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). The USEPA currently requires that facilities report dioxin and dioxin-like compounds in units of total grams for the entire category, and provide a single distribution of the individual dioxin and dioxin-like compounds at the facility. The USEPA is considering a reporting mechanism which would include toxic equivalents (TEQs) of each member of the dioxin category relative to the most toxic members of the category. Comments on the proposed rule are due on May 6, 2005. For more information, contact the USAEC at (410) 436-1226.

RCRA, SUPERFUND & EPCRA CALL CENTER – The USEPA Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Superfund & Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Call Center will terminate support of all RCRA, and Underground Storage Tanks (UST) programs on March 31, 2005. RCRA and UST program information will only be available to the public through the following Web sites:

- RCRA Headquarters: http://www.epa.gov/osw
- RCRA Regional Offices: http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/comments.htm
- RCRA OnLine database: http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/publicat.htm
- UST Headquarters: http://www.epa.gov/oust/

The Call Center will continue to respond to public inquiries regarding Superfund; Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act; EPCRA; Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) program; Superfund Amendments Reauthorization Act Title III; CAA Section 112(r); and Oil Pollution Control Act.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

**2005 IRIS PROGRAM** – The USEPA has released the 2005 Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Agenda and is requesting information related to exposure to chemicals that will be assessed this year. These chemicals are boron; ethylene dibromide (1,2-dibromoethane); lead (updated qualitative discussion); 2-methylnaphthalene; and perchlorate and perchlorate salts. Input is due by May 3, 2005.

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#### OTHER FEDERAL INFORMATION

LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM – On February 16, 2005 (70 FR 7959), the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) announced it is requesting proposals under the Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) for conservation grants to states and territories of the US. The grants are awarded to programs that enhance, protect, or restore habitats that benefit federally listed, proposed, or candidate species, or other at-risk species on private lands. Installations could work with adjacent landowners in preparing and submitting grant proposals. Grant proposals are due April 18, 2005. For more information, contact the USAEC at (410) 436-1564. The LIP guidelines are available at http://federalaid.fws.gov/lip/LIP05%20Guidlines.pdf.

FINAL LIST OF BIRD SPECIES EXCLUDED FROM MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT – On March 15, 2005 (70 FR 12710), the USFWS announced a final list of the nonnative bird species that have been introduced by humans into the United States or its territories and to which the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) does not apply. This notice identifies those species that are not protected by the MBTA, even if they belong to biological families referred to in treaties that the MBTA implements. For more information, contact the USAEC at (410) 436-1564.

DRAFT GUIDANCE FOR INDUSTRY ON INTERNAL RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION — The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced the availability of draft guidance for industry entitled, "Internal Radioactive Contamination - Development of Decorporation Agents." This draft document provides guidance to industry on the development of decorporation agents (medical products that increase the rate of elimination or excretion of radioactive contaminants) for the treatment of internal radioactive contamination when evidence is needed to demonstrate the effectiveness of the agents, but human efficacy studies are unethical or infeasible. The draft guidance is available at <a href="http://www.fda.gov/cder/guidance/6394dft.htm">http://www.fda.gov/cder/guidance/6394dft.htm</a>.

ALTERNATIVE FUEL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM EVALUATION OF FISCHER-TROPSCH DIESEL FUELS – On February 14, 2005 (70 FR 7442), the US Department of Energy (DoE) announced it is unable to make the necessary finding that Fischer-Tropsch diesel fuel meets the "yields substantial environmental benefits" criterion necessary for an alternative fuel designation.

INFORMATION FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTED BY AIRCRAFT – On February 24, 2005 (70 FR 8956), the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) announced notification and record retention requirements for aircraft operators transporting hazardous materials that will take effect April 1, 2005. For more information, contact the USAEC at (410) 436-1265.

FINAL DESIGNATION OF CRITICAL HABITAT FOR FOUR VERNAL POOL CRUSTACEANS AND ELEVEN VERNAL POOL PLANTS IN CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN OREGON – On March 8, 2005 (70 FR 11140), the USFWS confirmed the non-economic exclusions made to a previous final rule, which designated critical habitat pursuant to the ESA, for 4 vernal pool crustaceans and 11 vernal pool plants. A total of approximately 1.1 million acres of land are within the boundaries of designated critical habitat. This estimate reflects exclusion of lands within the boundaries of DoD lands within Beale and Travis Air Force Bases as well as Fort

Hunter Liggett and Camp Roberts Army installations. In the previous final rule, Fort Hunter Liggett and Camp Roberts were excluded from critical habitat designations per ESA 4(b)(2). Fort Hunter Liggett retains the 4(b)(2) exclusion of 16,583 acres. However, the USFWS has now excluded 33,937 acres of Camp Roberts per ESA 4(a)(3)(B) with no mention of a concurrent 4(b)(2) exemption. The rule is effective as of March 8, 2005. For more information, contact the USAEC at (410) 436-1564.

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# UPCOMING CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIUMS AND TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	DETAILS
DSMOA Training	N/A	Online	The training, presented by the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence (AFCEE) Web University is designed to provide information needed for the project manager to successfully execute the DoD and State Memorandum of Agreement Program.  https://webu.brooks.af.mil/webu/secure/onlinecourse.asp
Training Exchange	Ongoing	Multiple Sites	This Web site details information on various training opportunities from the USEPA, Interstate Technology Regulatory Council, and others. www.trainex.org
The US Army Logistics Management College	Ongoing	Multiple Sites	Various training classes are available for Army, Reserve, and National Guard personnel. www.almc.army.mil/EMD/Page5.html
Integrated Training Area Management	Ongoing	Multiple Sites	Register for courses on geographic information systems, range safety, and other topics. www.rsctraining.com/schedule.asp
Introduction to Environmental Management Systems Training	N/A	Online	This course provides an overview of EMS and how it can support environmental improvements at facilities that are subject to environmental regulations. The training course takes about one hour to complete. http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/permit/ems/ems-101/ems101.htm
The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Professional Development Support Center	Ongoing	Multiple Sites	The Professional Development Support Centers hosts a range of environmental courses to meet the technical needs of professionals in various government agencies. Access the course catalog at http://pdsc.usace.army.mil/.
USDA Forest Service Continuing Education Program	October 2004– September 2005	Multiple Sites	During Fiscal Year 2005 (October 2004-September 2005), the Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Air, and Rare Plants staff at the USDA Forest Service are scheduling continuing education programs for natural resource professionals. For a complete listing of class schedules and dates, please see: www.fs.fed.us/biology/education.
Joint Services Environmental Management Conference & Exhibition	April 11-14, 2005	Tampa, FL	This year, the Joint Services Environmental Management Conference will be combined with the National Defense Industrial Association's Environment & Energy Division Annual Symposium. http://www.jsemconference.com/2005/
National Environmental Partnership Summit	April 11-14, 2005	Chicago, IL	The 2005 Environmental Summit will meet for the merged annual meetings of the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable, Compliance Assistance community and the Performance Track Participants Association. Meet with environmental leaders and innovators from all over the country, every level of government, business & industry and the non-governmental community.  www.environmentalsummit.org

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	DETAILS
14 <sup>th</sup> Annual International Emission Inventory Conference	April 11-14, 2005	Las Vegas, NV	The USEPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Emission Factor and Inventory Group, and the Emission Inventory Improvement Program (EIIP) are calling for technical papers and cosponsoring a conference entitled "Transforming Emission Inventories - Meeting Future Challenges Today". The conference will focus on changes needed in the inventory world to foster the development of timely emissions data.  http://www.epa.gov/ttn/chief/conference/ei14/index.html
USEPA Phase 3 Environmental Management Systems Workshops	April 19-20, 2005 April 26-27, 2005	San Francisco, CA Seattle, WA	Includes auditing, management review, and self-certification. http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/fedfac/index.html
Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Training	May 3–4, 2005	Bethesda, MD	The U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services, Agriculture and Transportation, with support from the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive, have scheduled this no cost training at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Bethesda campus. Attendees from various federal agencies are invited to attend. The theme for this workshop will be EMS "Tying Together all the Pieces". For more information on this workshop, contact Camille Beven at (202) 619-3690. http://www.ofee.gov/ems/training/HHS04.htm
Global Demilitarization Symposium and Exhibition	May 5-9, 2005	Sparks, NV	This annual event continues to support DoD in numerous efforts directed at reducing the stockpile of excess and obsolete strategic, tactical, and conventional munitions. http://register.ndia.org/interview/register.ndia?#May2005
World Water and Environmental Resources Conference	May 15-19, 2005	Anchorage, AK	Engineers, biologists, policymakers, regulators, government officials, economists, industrialists, managers, manufacturers, researchers, consultants, and other professionals interested in issues relating to water and the environment should attend. It is presented by the Environmental & Water Resources Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The technical sessions will cover: the role of simulation models in adaptive management of environmental systems, hydrologic impacts of changing climate patterns, irrigation adaptation to changing water supplies, social impacts and infrastructure modification due to rising sea levels, and biological responses to changing climates. http://www.asce.org/conferences/ewri05/
Call for Papers: National Registry of Environmental Professionals Annual Technical Conference	June 1, 2005	Las Vegas, NV	The conference Selection Committee is seeking individual presentations of case histories or programs on a wide variety of environmental topics. Submit abstracts to papers@nrep.org.
8 <sup>th</sup> Annual In Situ and On- Site Bioremediation Symposium	June 6-9, 2005	Baltimore, MD	The symposium will facilitate technology transfer and integrate the latest developments in fundamental research with innovative engineering application.  http://www.battelle.org/environment/er/conferences/biosymp/d efault.stm
CERCLA/RCRA Course	June 7-10, 2005	San Francisco, CA	This course is designed to train personnel on the Comprehensive, Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) hazardous substance response process and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) corrective action process as it relates to the DoD. For more information, contact the Professional Development Support Center Registrar at the Training Center at (256) 895-7425. Course Control Number – 356 Course Number 33HEL01A.
Threatened, Endangered, and At-Risk Species Research Symposium and Workshop	June 7-9, 2005	Baltimore, MD	The goal of this Symposium & Workshop is to define and evaluate TER-S research relevant to DoD. http://www.serdp.org/tesworkshop/
American Water Works Association Annual Conference & Exhibition	June 12-16, 2005	San Francisco, CA	The professional program presents issues covering all aspects of water, with the best minds in the industry presenting the latest information.

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	DETAILS
			http://www.awwa.org/ace2005/programs/
Ecobuild America	June 20-23, 2005	Orlando, FL	An innovative, comprehensive conference programs with more than 100 other green building, sustainable design, environmental planning, and information technology courses for the entire built environment team. http://www.ecobuildamerica.com/conference.htm
Natural Resources Compliance	June 21-24, 2005	Silverdale, WA	This course, offered by the Civil Engineer Corps Officers School offers instruction in specific natural resource laws, regulations, policies, DoD Instructions, and other guidance, noting Service-specific requirements.  https://www.cecos.navy.mil/coursedetail.cfm?courseid=42
USEPA Community Involvement Conference and Training	July 12-15, 2005	Buffalo, NY	The theme of the conference is "Building Bridges Through Strong Partnerships". http://www.epancic.org/2005/overview.cfm
2005 Watershed Management Conference	July 19-22, 2005	Williamsburg, VA	Sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Environmental and Water Resources Institute. The theme for the conference is "Managing Watersheds for Human and Natural Impacts: Engineering, Ecological, and Economic Challenges".  http://www.asce.org/conferences/watershedmanagement200 5/
Environmental Regulations-Practical Application	August 8-12, 2005	Omaha, NE	This course is designed to further the student's understanding and ability to apply the technical requirements of various major federal environmental regulations. For more information, contact the Professional Development Support Center Registrar at the Training Center at (256) 895-7425. Course Control Number – 398 Course Number 33MEC01A.
Introduction to Cultural Resource Management Laws and Regulations	August 17-19, 2005	Seattle, WA	This three-day course, offered by the Civil Engineer Corps Officers School, provides an integrated overview of all pertinent laws and regulations needed to understand and fulfill cultural resource management responsibilities. https://www.cecos.navy.mil/coursedetail.cfm?courseid=25
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sustainable Range Management Conference & Exhibition	August 22-25, 2005	San Antonio, TX	This conference is designed to facilitate exchange of information among stakeholders concerned with how military ranges and training areas can be used to test and evaluate weapons systems and train DoD personnel without conflicting with economic, environmental, and safety concerns.  www.rangecon.org

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#### STATE REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS, LEGISLATION, AND NEWS



# ALASKA

Regulatory Developments & Other State Information

#### **AIR INFORMATION:**

None.

#### **WATER INFORMATION:**

ADOPTION OF FEDERAL STANDARDS FOR LEAD AND COPPER – The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is proposing to adopt by reference the federal regulations for the lead and copper. The rule streamlines requirements; promotes consistent implementation; and helps reduce the burden for water systems. The draft regulations were released February 2, 2005. Comments were due March 8, 2005. For more information, contact Karen Leis at (907) 269-3082.

ADOPTION OF FEDERAL STANDARDS FOR RADIONUCLIIDES – The DEC is preparing to adopt by reference federal regulations for radionuclides in drinking water. The regulation will also adopt new analytical methods. The draft documents were released for comment on February 2, 2005 and comments were due March 8, 2005. For more information, contact Karen Leis at (907) 269-3082.

**ANALYTIC METHODS FOR DRINKING WATER STANDARDS** - The DEC is preparing to adopt by reference federal regulations for analytical methods used for drinking water. The draft regulations were released on February 2, 2005 and comments on the proposed amendments were due March 8, 2005. For more information, contact Karen Leis at (907) 269-3082.

**ADOPTION OF FEDERAL ARSENIC RULE** – The DEC is proposing amendments to its drinking water standards to adopt the federal arsenic rule. The draft regulations were released on February 2, 2005 and comments on the proposed amendments were due March 8, 2005. For more information, contact Karen Leis at (907) 269-3082.

**ADOPT BY REFERENCE FILTER BACKWASH STANDARDS** – The DEC is proposing to adopt by reference rules pertaining to standards for backwash filters for drinking water systems. The draft regulations were released on February 2, 2005 and comments on the proposed amendments were due March 8, 2005. For more information, contact Karen Leis at (907) 269-3082.

**2004 TMDLs** – The DEC is discussing developing total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for the following water bodies: Nakwasina River (sediment, turbidity); Katlian River (sediment, turbidity); Jordan Creek (sediment, residues, dissolved gas); Thorne Bay (residues); University Lake (fecal coliform); and Westchester Lagoon (fecal coliform). The Jordan Creek and Thorne Bay TMDLs are in draft form and are anticipated to be published in early 2005 with final versions released by late 2005. Drafts of the University Lake and Westchester Lagoon TMDLs are anticipated to be released in spring 2005. For more information, contact Kent Patrick Riley at (907) 269-7554. For a schedule and list of water bodies and pollutants see www.state.ak.us/dec/water/tmdl/schedule%20tmdl.htm

#### **WASTE INFORMATION:**

None.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION:**

**COMPREHENSIVE INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN** – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is discussing the development of a statewide comprehensive invasive species management plan. The plan would be based on the existing aquatic invasive species management plan and would extend to terrestrial invasive animals, including rats, as well as terrestrial plants that invade riparian zones. No further timeline for program development is currently available. For more information, contact Bob Piorekowski at (907) 465-6109.

#### Legislative Developments:

A summary of environmental bills considered by the State Legislature is listed below. The status of the bill occurring since the last published Region Review appears in <u>underlined text</u>. The 2005 legislative session began January 10 and will end May 9, 2005. For information on the legislative session, link: <a href="http://www.legis.state.ak.us/">http://www.legis.state.ak.us/</a>

ALASKA HB 142 - WATER QUALITY — Proposes to allow for further regulation of underground injection under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The bill was introduced and referred to the Oil and Gas Committee on February 14, 2005. A hearing was scheduled for March 15, 2005. The bill was ordered by the Speaker at the request of Governor Frank Murkowski (R). http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get\_bill\_text.asp?hsid=HB0142A&session=24

ALASKA SB 103 - WATER QUALITY — Proposes to allow for further regulation of underground injection under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The bill was introduced and referred to Resources Committee and Finance Committee on February 14, 2005. The bill was reported from the Resources Committee on March 8, 2005. The bill was ordered by the Senate President at the request of Governor Frank Murkowski (R).

http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get\_bill\_text.asp?hsid=\$B0103A&session=24

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## **IDAHO**

#### Regulatory Developments & Other State Information

#### **AIR INFORMATION:**

None.

#### **WATER INFORMATION:**

WASTEWATER PERMIT GUIDANCE – The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is requesting comments on its draft wastewater permit guidance. The guidance offers procedures for calculating loading limits. The guidance updates seek to place the materials in electronic form and to better reflect stakeholder viewpoints. The updates coincide with the State land application rules which are being amended to allow for additional uses of wastewater when it is treated to levels beyond those currently required. Idaho does not have NPDES primacy. Rather, the State's wastewater permitting authority is vested solely in the land application rules. No topics were approved for release for public comment. However, certain topics will be released after the next meeting, currently scheduled for May 23, 2005. A copy of the draft is located at http://www.deg.state.id.us/water/wastewater/guidance\_loading.pdf.

TMDLS FOR THE KING HILL-C.J. STRIKE RESERVOIR WATERSHED – The DEQ approved an assessment of water quality in the King Hill-C.J. Strike Reservoir Watershed in order to establish TMDLs for the following waterbodies: C.J. Strike Reservoir (nutrients); Snake River from King Hill to Indian Cove (sediment and nutrients); and Little Canyon and Cold Springs Creeks (sediment). The TMDLs were approved by the DEQ on February 7, 2005 and have been submitted to USEPA for approval. For more information, contact Brian Horsburgh at (208) 373-0550. The draft assessment is available at

http://www.deq.state.id.us/water/tmdls/snake\_river\_kinghill\_cjstrike/snake\_rive r\_kinghill\_cjstrike.htm. The TMDLs, as submitted to USEPA, is available at http://www.deq.state.id.us/water/data\_reports/surface\_water/tmdls/snake\_river\_kinghill\_cjstrike/snake\_river\_kinghill\_cjstrike.cfm.

PALOUSE RIVER WATER QUALITY STANDARDS – The DEQ is proposing an assessment of water quality in the Palouse River Watershed and water quality improvement plans for Deep, Flannigan, Gold, Hatter, and Rock Creeks to control sediment; Big, Deep, Flannigan, Gold, and Hatter Creeks to control temperature; Big, Deep, Flannigan, Gold, Hatter, and Rock Creeks to control bacteria; and Flannigan Creek and Hatter Creek-lower to control nutrients. The Palouse River Tributaries TMDL was approved by the Department on February 8, 2005 and has been submitted to USEPA for approval. For more information, contact Robert Henderson at (208) 799-4370.

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**IDAHO HB 37 - SOLID WASTE** – Proposes to prohibit local regulation and legislation relating to soil and plant amendments; provide that local legislation relating to soil and plant amendments is void and unenforceable; and clarify that specified restrictions shall not preempt certain county or city local zoning ordinances. The bill was introduced on January 25, 2005. The bill passed the House on February 18, 2005 and was referred to the Senate Agriculture Affairs Committee on February 21, 2005. The sponsor is the Agricultural Affairs Committee. http://www3.state.id.us/oasis/H0037.html#billtext

**IDAHO HB 105 - HAZARDOUS WASTE** — Proposes to amend and add to existing laws relating to hazardous waste management that revise disposal requirements for certain manifested waste and impose specified fees relating to state manifested waste disposed in a certain manner. The bill also provides for the Solid Waste Facility Grand Fund. The bill was introduced and referred to the Environmental Affairs Committee February 3, 2005. The sponsor is the House Environmental Affairs Committee. http://www3.state.id.us/oasis/H0105.html#billtext

**IDAHO HB 122 – FUELS** – Proposes to allow for the licensing of liquefied petroleum gas dealers and facilities and create the Idaho Liquefied Petroleum Gas Safety Board. The bill was referred to the Business Committee on February 7, 2005. The bill passed the House on February 22, 2005 and was referred to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee on February 23, 2005. The bill passed the Senate on March 10, 2005. The sponsor is the House Business Committee. http://www3.state.id.us/oasis/H0122.html#billtext

IDAHO HB 176 - POLLUTION PREVENTION — Proposes to add a process to existing law for approval of a state NPDES. The bill was referred to the Environment, Energy and Technology Committee on February 14, 2005. The bill passed the House on February 22, 2005 and was referred to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee on February 23, 2005. The bill passed the Senate on March 7, 2005 and was sent to the Governor on March 11. The sponsor is the House Environmental Affairs Committee.

http://www3.state.id.us/oasis/H0176.html#billtext

**IDAHO HB 230 - AIR PERMITTING AND QUALITY** – Proposes to amend existing law to clarify that certain air quality rules and permit requirements can be no more stringent than those provided by the federal government. The bill was referred to the Environment, Energy and Technology Committee on February 17. It was reported from committee on February 25, 2005. The sponsor is the State Affairs Committee. http://www3.state.id.us/oasis/H0230.html#billtext

**IDAHO SB 1129 - NOISE POLLUTION** – Proposes to amend existing law relating to recreational activities and noise abatement and delete the correction factor applied to the base level in assessing a violation of any noise suppressing system. The bill was referred to the Transportation Committee on February 15, 2005. The bill passed the Senate on March 7, 2005 and was referred to the House Transportation Committee on March 8, 2005. The sponsor is the Senate Transportation Committee. http://www3.state.id.us/oasis/S1129.html#daily

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## OREGON

#### Regulatory Developments & Other State Information

#### **AIR INFORMATION:**

INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL AIR STANDARDS - The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has adopted by reference recent revisions to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) and New Source Performance Standards (NSPS). The DEQ has also adopted amendments made to the federal Title V permitting regulations. These amendments adopt by reference the federal NESHAPs for thirty-six new source categories; incorporate federal NSPS, NESHAP, and Title V amendments through July 1, 2004; and revise the lists of hazardous air pollutants and substances regulated by the federal accidental release program. The amendments were adopted at the February 3, 2005 Environmental Quality Commission meeting. The amendments had an effective date of February 10, 2005 and were submitted to the USEPA for final approval on March 8, 2005. For more information, contact Jerry Ebersole at (503) 229-6974.

#### **WATER INFORMATION:**

**GROUNDWATER MONITORING AND REMEDIATION INVESTIGATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LANDFILL OPERATORS** – The DEQ is drafting guidance for landfill operators, consultants, and the public on groundwater monitoring and remediation investigation requirements. The purpose of the guidance is to provide information that may be applicable because of impacts to groundwater. The guidance has been placed on hold indefinitely. For more information, contact Mary Sue Gilliland at (503) 229-5808.

AMBIENT WATER QUALITY CRITERIA FOR TOXIC POLLUTANTS – The DEQ is proposing amendments for toxic pollutants that will revise the ambient water quality criteria for 167 toxic pollutants incorporating USEPA-recommended criteria published since 1986; add regulations regarding the application of water quality standards to reservoirs in instances where waters become stratified for temperature, dissolved oxygen, or pH; and establish compliance schedules for wastewater discharge permit holders to comply with criteria. The amendments were approved and sent to the USEPA for review in July 2004. The USEPA has not projected a date of completion for the review. For more information, contact Martin Fitzpatrick at (503) 229-5656. http://www.deq.state.or.us/news/publicnotices/uploaded/030529\_4613\_ToxicsNPRPackage.pdf

**RECLAMATION OF WASTEWATER** – The DEQ was proposing amendments that would update the regulations to include new reclamation technology. The proposal is on hold as the DEQ attempts to implement guidance materials in place of a formal rulemaking. For more information, contact Mark Cullington at (503) 229-6442.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS FOR THE EVALUATION OF CHANGES TO A WATER USE — The DEQ has adopted rules for evaluating applications to change a water use subject to transfer managed by a district. The adopted rules were filed with the Secretary of State on November 16, 2004. The rules became effective on November 16, 2004. For more information, contact Adam P. Sussman at (503) 986-0877.

**RULEMAKING TO STREAMLINE THE WASTEWATER PERMITTING PROGRAM AND INFRASTRUCTURE** – The DEQ is discussing improvements to the wastewater permitting program that include processing permits on a watershed basis, improved training for permit writers, increased funding, and streamlining the permitting process. The DEQ anticipates discussing the rulemaking by spring 2005 and preparing a draft by summer 2005. For more information, contact Mark Charles at (503) 229-5589. http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/wqpermit/blueribbonrpt080604.pdf

#### **WASTE INFORMATION:**

#### UPDATES TO THE TOXICS USE AND HAZARDOUS WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAM -

The DEQ is preparing amendments to its Toxics Use and Hazardous Waste Reduction Program. A draft bill that includes the program amendments is currently pending before a House committee. Upon committee approval the bill and amendments will move to the full House and the Governor for final approval. For more information, contact David Livengood at (503) 229-5181. http://www.deq.state.or.us/wmc/tuwrap.html

AMENDMENTS TO HAZARDOUS WASTE FEES AND REGULATIONS – The DEQ is proposing to make amendments that would reflect changes adopted by the 2003 legislature and and incorporate fee changes enacted by the 2003 legislature pertaining to dredge and passenger vessels. Comments were due March 31, 2005. For more information, contact Larry McAllister at (503) 229-6412.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION:**

URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARIES – The Commission of the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) is in the process of creating and amending rules that will clarify and streamline the urban growth boundary (UGB) amendment process. The goal is to focus urban development inside growth boundaries to protect farmlands from encroachment and foster efficient use of land. A work session was held on March 16-18, 2005 to discuss the comments received. A hearing is scheduled for April 28, 2005. For more information, contact Bob Rindy at (503) 378-0050. A copy of draft changes can be found at <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/LCD/goal11\_14amend.shtml">http://www.oregon.gov/LCD/goal11\_14amend.shtml</a>. Information on the rulemaking process is available at <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/LCD/rulemaking.shtml#UGB\_Amendment\_Process.">http://www.oregon.gov/LCD/rulemaking.shtml#UGB\_Amendment\_Process.</a>

#### Legislative Developments

A summary of environmental bills considered by the State Legislature is listed below. The status of the bill occurring since the last published Region Review appears in <u>underlined text</u>. The 2005 legislative session began January 10 and will end early July, 2005. For information on the 2005 session, link: <a href="http://www.leg.state.or.us">http://www.leg.state.or.us</a>.

OREGON HB 2123 – GROUNDWATER – Proposes to direct the Water Resources Commission to adopt rules for modifying certificates of registration of rights to appropriate ground water. The bill was referred to the Water Committee on January 17, 2005. The bill was reported from the Water Committee and referred to the Ways and Means Committee on March 3, 2005. The bill was ordered by the Speaker at the request of Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski (D). http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/hb2100.dir/hb2123.intro.html

**OREGON HB 2178 – GROUNDWATER** – Proposes to allow a person to apply for and obtain a water rights permit to use stored water in an expedited manner. The bill was referred to the

Water Committee on January 17, 2005. The bill was reported from the Water Committee and on March 11, 2005. The bill was ordered by the Speaker at the request of Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski (D). http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/hb2100.dir/hb2178.intro.html

**OREGON HB 2473 – WATER** – Proposes to allow the use of ground water without complying with registration, certificate or permit requirements for watering lawns, grounds or fields of public or private kindergarten through grade 12 schools. The bill was referred to the Water Committee on February 3, 2005. The sponsor is Representative Tom Butler (R). <a href="http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/hb2400.dir/hb2473.intro.html">http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/hb2400.dir/hb2473.intro.html</a>

OREGON HB 2593 - HAZARDOUS WASTE – Proposes to make permanent a temporary fee schedule for hazardous waste disposal facilities and continuously appropriate moneys from a portion of hazardous waste management fees to the DEQ for certain hazardous waste management purposes. The bill was referred to the Environment Committee on February 23, 2005. The sponsor is the Committee on Environment.

http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/hb2500.dir/hb2593.intro.html

OREGON HB 2619 - LAND USE — Proposes to authorize counties to designate rural development zones without adopting exceptions to statewide planning goals relating to urbanization or to public facilities and services. The bill was referred to the Land Use Committee on February 23, 2005. The sponsor is the Committee on Land Use. http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/hb2600.dir/hb2619.intro.html

OREGON HB 2652 - LAND USE – Proposes to overhaul the statewide land use planning process and direct the Land Conservation and Development Commission to adopt new statewide land use planning goals. The bill was referred to the Land Use Committee on February 23, 2005. The sponsor is Representative Bill Garrard (R). http://www.leg.state.or.us/searchmeas.html

OREGON HB 2812 – GROUNDWATER – Proposes to create a task force on water law reform and specify the duties the task force will perform. The bill was introduced and referred to the Water Committee and the Ways and Means Committee on March 10, 2005. The sponsor is Representative Bob Jenson (R). http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/hb2800.dir/hb2812.intro.html

OREGON HB 2907 - HAZARDOUS WASTE — Proposes to require the Department of Transportation to consider risk to municipal water supplies in performing risk analysis required by federal law for adoption of rules relating to transportation of hazardous materials. The bill was introduced on March 10, 2005. The sponsor is Representative Phil Barnhart (D). http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/hb2900.dir/hb2907.intro.html

OREGON HB 2931 - LAND USE – Proposes to require a public entity that receives claim for compensation under Chapter 1, Oregon Laws 2005, to conduct one or more public hearings prior to making final decision on resolution of claim. The bill was introduced on March 10, 2005. The sponsor is Senator David Nelson (R).

http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/hb2900.dir/hb2931.intro.html

**OREGON HB 2963 - LAND USE** – Proposes to require local governments with an urban growth boundary to provide for and maintain long-term and short-term supplies of land within urban growth boundary for industrial or commercial use. The bill was introduced on March 10, 2005. The sponsor is Representative Bill Garrard (R).

http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/hb2900.dir/hb2963.intro.html

**OREGON HB 2985 - LAND USE** – Proposes to authorize specified cities to amend an urban growth boundary without taking exception to statewide land use planning goals to include one or more large sites for educational uses relating to and enhancing industrial uses on adjacent lands already in an urban growth boundary. <u>The bill was introduced on March 10, 2005</u>. The sponsor is Representative Chuck Burley (R).

http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/hb2900.dir/hb2985.intro.html

**OREGON HB 3002 – PESTICIDES** – Proposes to impose an additional information requirement for notice or written plan for chemical application involving commercial application of pesticides to certain forestlands. The bill was introduced on March 10, 2005. The sponsor is Representative Paul Holvey (D). http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/hb3000.dir/hb3002.intro.html

OREGON HB 3033 - ALTERNATIVE FUELS – Proposes to require diesel fuel sold in the state to contain a certain percentage of biodiesel and require gasoline sold in the state to contain certain percentage of ethanol. <u>The bill was introduced on March 10, 2005</u>. The sponsor is Representative Jackie Dingfelder (D).

http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/hb3000.dir/hb3033.intro.html

**OREGON HB 3131 - LAND USE** - Proposes to authorize an owner or group of owners of affected property to pay compensation on behalf of a public entity that intends to allow use of property in lieu of paying just compensation under Ballot Measure 37. The bill was introduced on March 11, 2005. The sponsor is Representative Phil Barnhart (D). http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/hb3100.dir/hb3131.intro.html

**OREGON HB 3153 – WATER** – Proposes to repeal the statute allowing an irrigation district, drainage district, water improvement district, or corporation to petition for transfer of water right otherwise forfeited for nonuse. <u>The bill was introduced on March 11, 2005</u>. The sponsor is Representative Linda Flores (R). <a href="https://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/hb3100.dir/hb3153.intro.html">https://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/hb3100.dir/hb3153.intro.html</a>

**OREGON HB 3155 – WATER** – Proposes to allow a person owning a water right appurtenant to land located within an irrigation district to file notice of shared ownership with irrigation an district. The bill was introduced on March 11, 2005. The sponsor is Representative Linda Flores (R).

http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/hb3100.dir/hb3155.intro.html

OREGON HB 3204 – WATER – Proposes to establish a presumption that an owner of land to which a water right is appurtenant is the owner of the water right. The bill was introduced on March 11, 2005. The sponsor is Representative Linda Flores (R). http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/hb3200.dir/hb3204.intro.html

OREGON SB 43 - HAZARDOUS WASTE – Proposes to exempt hazardous waste generated from remedial action and one-time events and certain raw materials for which there is no substitute, from reporting requirement. Proposes to allow the Environmental Quality Commission to modify threshold amounts for reporting to reflect changes in federal regulations. The bill was referred to the Environment and Land Use Committee on January 17, 2005. It was reported from Committee on February 8, 2005. The bill passed the Senate on February 14, 2005 and was referred to the House Environment Committee on February 17, 2005. The bill was ordered by the Speaker at the request of Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski (D). http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0001.dir/sb0043.intro.html

**OREGON SB 44 - UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS** – Proposes to extend the sunset of the underground storage tank fee. The bill was referred to the Environment and Land Use

Committee on January 17, 2005. The bill was reported from Committee and referred to the Ways and Means Committee on February 7, 2005. The bill was ordered by the Speaker at the request of Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski (D).

http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0001.dir/sb0044.intro.html

**OREGON SB 45 – GROUNDWATER** – Proposes to allow the DEQ to issue individual, general or watershed water pollution discharge permits and use fees from water pollution discharge permits to administer any water pollution control program. The bill was referred to the Senate Environment and Land Use Committee on January 17, 2005. It was reported from Committee and referred to the Ways and Means Committee on February 21, 2005. The sponsor is Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski (D).

http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0001.dir/sb0045.intro.html

**OREGON SB 347 - WATER** – Proposes to require a laboratory performing water sample analysis for a water supplier to report results of analysis directly to Department of Human Services and to water supplier. The bill was introduced on January 20, 2005. The bill was referred to the Committee on Environment and Land Use on January 25, 2005. The sponsor is the Committee on Environment and Land Use.

http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0300.dir/sb0347.intro.html

**OREGON SB 350 - LAND USE** – Proposes to postpone, for certain claims for just compensation arising from land use regulation, dates on which a property owner becomes eligible to receive compensation and to file cause of action in circuit court for compensation. The bill was referred to the Committee on Environment and Land Use on January 25, 2005. The sponsor is the Committee on Environment and Land Use. http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0300.dir/sb0350.intro.html

OREGON SB 532 - WATER QUALITY – Proposes to prohibit the Environmental Quality Commission from establishing water quality standards that are less stringent than standards previously established. The bill was introduced and referred to the Environment and Land Use Committee on February 11, 2005. The sponsor is the Committee on Environment and Land Use. http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0500.dir/sb0532.intro.html

**OREGON SB 534 - GROUNDWATER** – Proposes to increase the minimum and maximum fines for unlawful use or appropriation of ground water. The bill was introduced and referred to the Environment and Land Use Committee on February 11, 2005. The sponsor is the Committee on Environment and Land Use. http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0500.dir/sb0534.intro.html

OREGON SB 542 - ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE — Proposes to create the Environmental Justice Task Force and specifies duties and responsibilities. The bill would also require natural resource agencies to perform certain actions relating to environmental justice. The bill was introduced and referred to the Environment and Land Use Committee and the Ways and Means Committee on February 11, 2005. The sponsor is Senator Avel Gordly (D). http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0500.dir/sb0542.intro.html

**OREGON SB 555 - WATER** – Proposes to direct the DEQ to condition discharge permits to prohibit discharge of toxic substances in amounts or concentrations that may be harmful to aquatic life or human health. The bill was introduced and referred to the Environment and Land Use Committee on February 11, 2005. The sponsor is Senator Peter Courtney (D). http://www.leq.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0500.dir/sb0555.intro.html

OREGON SB 649 - LAND USE — Proposes to require a local government amending a comprehensive plan or land use regulation for protection of natural resources and conservation of scenic, historic and open space resources to concurrently expand an urban growth boundary or modify type and intensity of use of land within a boundary to ensure that development capacity is maintained. The bill was referred to the Environment and Land Use Committee on February 16, 2005. The sponsor is the Committee on Environment and Land Use. http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0600.dir/sb0649.intro.html

OREGON SB 650 - LAND USE – Proposes to modify standards for amending an existing urban growth boundary. The bill was referred to the Committee on Environment and Land Use February 17, 2005. The sponsor is the Committee on Environment and Land Use. http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0600.dir/sb0650.intro.html

**OREGON SB 724 – WATER** – Proposes to restrict the Water Resources Department in issuing permits that result in dewatering a stream. <u>The bill was referred to the Committee on Environment and Land Use on February 22, 2005</u>. The sponsor is the Committee on Environment and Land Use. <a href="http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0700.dir/sb0724.intro.html">http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0700.dir/sb0724.intro.html</a>

OREGON SB 740 – ELECTRONIC WASTE – Proposes to establish the Electronic Product Stewardship Account to implement a program for collection, reuse and recycling of electronic products. The bill was referred to the Committee on Environment and Land Use on February 28, 2005. A public hearing was schedule for March 29, 2005. The sponsor is the Committee on Environment and Land Use.

http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0700.dir/sb0740.intro.html

OREGON SB 857 - LAND USE — Proposes to expand the boundary of the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve. The bill was referred to the Committee on Environment and Land Use on February 24, 2005. The sponsor is Senator Joanne Verger (D). http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/measures/sb0800.dir/sb0857.intro.html

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## WASHINGTON

#### Regulatory Developments & Other State Information

#### **AIR INFORMATION:**

YAKIMA PM 10 ATTAINMENT – The Washington Department of Ecology (DOE) has adopted amendments to redesignate Yakima to "attainment" for PM 10. The SIP revision and area redesignation were approved by USEPA on February 8, 2005. The amendments have an effective date of March 10, 2005. For more information, contact Doug Schneider at (360) 407-6874.

SIP REVISIONS – The DOE is proposing amendments to the SIP that would add new and revised Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) regulations to the SIP; and to remove certain regulations from the SIP that are not required by Title I of the CAA or that were previously repealed by the SWCAA's board of directors. The SIP was sent to the USEPA for final approval in June 2004. The USEPA has not yet begun to review the revisions. For more information, contact Brett Rude at (360) 407-6847.

#### **WATER INFORMATION:**

YAKIMA AREA URBAN CREEKS TMDL – The DOE is discussing proposing TMDLs for water bodies of the Yakima Area Urban Creeks. The water bodies are Moxie; Wide Hollow; and Cowiche. The possible criteria pollutant for these TMDLs is fecal coliform. The DOE initiated monitoring in late 2004 and anticipates completion of data collection in late 2005. A draft technical report is expected to be released in mid-2006. For more information, contact Ryan Anderson at (509) 575-2642 or http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/watershed/yakima\_wq/index.html.

#### TMDLS UNDER DEVELOPMENT – The DOE is scheduled to develop the following TMDLs

Water Body	TMDL
Griffin Lake	phosphorus
Wilson Creek	fecal coliform
Wenatchee River Basin	phosphorus monitoring, fecal coliform and
	acidity
Mission Creek	DDT, DDE, guthion, and pesticides
Lake Chelan	phosphorus monitoring
Lake Chelan/Roses Lake	PCBs, 4,4-DDE, and DDT
Okanogan River	PCBs, DDT, DDD, and DDE
Similkameen River	Arsenic
Walla River, Touchet River, and Mill Creek	temperature, fecal coliform, pH, DDT, DDE,
	chlordane, PCB, dieldrin, heptachlor,
	heptachlor epoxide, and hexachlorobenzene;
Moses Lake	Nitrogen and phosphorus
Spokane River	dissolved oxygen and biochemical oxygen

	demand loading study
Hangman Creek	dissolved oxygen, acidity and fecal coliform
Lake Whatcom	dissolved oxygen and fecal coliform
Skagit Basin (Carpenter Creek, Fish Creek,	fecal coliform
Fisher Slough)	Total comonn
Skagit/Stilliguamish Rivers	temperature
Stilliguamish River and Portage Creek	fecal coliform, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity
Snohomish River	temperature
Beaver Lake	phosphorus
Issaquah Creek System (Tibbets Creek,	fecal coliform and temperature
Laughing Jacob's Creek, Eaton Creek, May	lecal collionii and temperature
Creek)	
Cottage Lake	phosphorus
Duwamish and Elliott Bay	pH, dissolved oxygen, temperature, fecal
Dawamien and Emet Bay	coliform, and mercury
Green River	fecal coliform, dissolved oxygen, chromium,
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Chehalis River	dissolved oxygen
Sinclair Inlet	fecal coliform
Upper White River	temperature and chinook salmon habitat
Scatter Creek and Huckleberry Creek	temperature
Clearwater River and Greenwater River	temperature and chinook salmon habitat
Lower White (Stuck) River	pH
South Prairie Creek and Wilkeson Creek	fecal coliform
Meeker Ditch and Clark's Creek	fecal coliform, dissolved oxygen, pH, and
	temperature
South Puget Sound	nutrient study
Henderson Inlet, Woodland Creek, Woodard	fecal coliform, dissolved oxygen, pH, and
Creek, Dobbs Creek, and Libbey Creek	temperature
Dungeness Bay	fecal coliform
Duck Lake	phosphorus
Willapa River	fecal coliform and dissolved oxygen
Longview Ditches	fecal coliform, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and
	lead
Gorst Creek	fecal coliform

The Okanogan TMDL was approved by the USEPA on February 25, 2005. For more information, contact Ron McBride at (360) 407-6469.

UPDATES AND AMENDMENTS TO THE VESSEL AND FACILITY OIL SPILL

**CONTINGENCY PLAN STANDARDS** – The DOE is drafting amendments to its oil spill response regulations to incorporate new federal rules, the Northwest area contingency plan, and the establishment of geographic response plans. The amendments would update plan requirements; mandate incident command systems; incorporate planning standards; and update primary response contractor standards. The draft updates will be released for public comment and workshops in summer 2005. A notice of rulemaking will be released in November 2005. For more information, contact Linda Pilkey-Jarvis at (360) 407-7447.

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/reissue.html

**CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER GENERAL PERMIT** – The DOE is redrafting its construction stormwater general permit for discharges associated with one to five acre small construction activities. A key issue is the coverage of projects that may cause discharges to water quality impaired bodies. The DOE plans to complete the permit issuance by November 16, 2005. No date has been determined for the release of the draft permit. For more information, contact Jeff Killelea at (360) 407-6127.

**WATER CONSERVATION** – The Washington Department of Health (DOH) is discussing proposing amendments in response to HB 1338 passed in 2003 which requires the DOH to develop rules on water conservation. A report is anticipated for release in May 2005. For more information, contact Theresa Phillips at (360) 236-3147. The report will be available at <a href="http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/municipal\_water/municipal\_water\_law.htm">http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/municipal\_water/municipal\_water\_law.htm</a>.

LARGE ON-SITE SEWAGE SYSTEMS RULE DEVELOPMENT – The Washington Department of Health (DOH) is in the process of drafting amendments that will establish a new chapter specific to large on-site systems (LOSS). The LOSS program was placed on temporary hold in late 2004 to allow for the completion of the small onsite sewer system regulations. Public workshops on the LOSS project are anticipated in fall 2005. A draft rule is anticipated for release in September 2005. For more information, contact Richard Benson at (509) 456-6177. http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/WW/Loss/loss-rdc.htm

SHIPYARD OIL TRANSFER AND BUNKERING STANDARDS – Pursuant to the passage of SB 6641 in March 2004, the DOE has been directed to develop regulations controlling the deployment of containment equipment prior to the transfer of oil during periods of ship refueling and bunkering as well as for transfers of oil between facilities and tank vessels. The specific practices being considered will be based on a prior studies examining California's and other States experiences in developing a transfer monitoring/inspection program and its affect on industry. The rulemaking is expected to begin in mid-2005. For more information, contact Mary-Ellen Voss at (360) 407-7211. The report entitled "Marine Fueling and Oil Transfer Practices for Covered Vessels and Ships in Washington" is available at <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0408005.html">http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0408005.html</a>. The oil transfer rule website is available at <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/preparedness/transrule/transferrule.html">http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/preparedness/transrule/transferrule.html</a>

LEWIS INSTREAM RESOURCES PROTECTION AND WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM — The DOE is discussing the development of the Lewis instream resources protection and water management program. Instream flows will be proposed for the Lewis (lower, middle, upper), East Fork Lewis, and Kalama rivers. Instream flows may also be proposed for a number of other tributaries within the watershed where habitat studies exist. No schedule for rule development is currently available. For more information, contact Kathleen Ensenat at (360) 407-6780. http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/activity/wac173527.html

#### **WASTE INFORMATION:**

**RECYCLING OF ELECTRONIC WASTE** – Pursuant to HB 2488 (2004), the DOE, in consultation with the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC), is required to research and develop recommendations for implementing and financing an electronic product collection, recycling, and reuse program. The DOE and SWAC released a report in October 2004 entitled, "Economic and Financial Issues of End-of-Life Electronic Waste" that describes potential economic principles, recycling costs, and alternative financing schemes for managing electronic waste. Presently, the DOE has initiated a series of meetings with the SWAC subcommittee to

develop recommendations on how ESHB 2488 should be implemented. A meeting was scheduled for March 19, 2005. Additional meetings are scheduled for May 10, 2005 and one later date. The recommendations derived from these meetings will be presented to the State Legislature in December 2005. For more information, contact Jay Shepard at (360) 407-7040. HB 2488 is available at <a href="http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2003-04/House/2475-2499/2488-s\_sl\_04062004.txt">http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2003-04/House/2475-2499/2488-s\_sl\_04062004.txt</a>. General Information on the electronic waste program is available at <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/ewaste/">http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/ewaste/</a>.

IMPLEMENTATION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE INITIATIVES IN THE "BEYOND WASTE" PROJECT – The DOE is discussing revisions to the State hazardous waste management plan.

The project has generated new strategic plans for both solid and hazardous waste. Both plans share key initiatives, including significantly reducing most wastes and the use of toxic substances in Washington's industries, and reducing, and, where possible, eliminating small-volume hazardous wastes from businesses and households. The program is expected to proceed on an industry by industry basis as different solid and hazardous waste streams are examined by the DOE. The DOE published the Beyond Waste Project in November 2004. As of February 2005, no particular Beyond Waste initiatives have been announced. For more information, contact Chris Chapman at (360) 407-7160. The Beyond Waste document is available at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/pubs/0407022.pdf.

**VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM GUIDANCE** – The DOE is discussing the development of a guidance document for the State voluntary cleanup program. The DOE anticipates the release of a draft guidance document for public comment in mid-2005. For more information, contact Nnamdi Madakor at (360) 407-7244.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION:**

PROTECTION OF CULTURAL RESOURCES – The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has proposed amendments to its rules regarding cultural resource protection; management plans for cultural resources; and watershed analysis for cultural resources. The amendments ask for a voluntary commitment from land owners and are scheduled to be presented to the Board on May 11, 2005. For more information, contact Patricia Anderson at (360) 902-1400.

#### Legislative Developments

A summary of environmental bills considered by the State Legislature is listed below. The status of the bill occurring since the last published Region Review appears in <u>underlined text</u>. The 2005 legislative session began January 10 and will end April 24, 2005. For information on the legislative session, link: <a href="http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm">http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm</a>.

WASHINGTON HB 1073 - HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE — Proposes to make it unlawful for a person who willingly transports or stores ammonia or ammonia solutions to not label the product as poisonous gas or as a flammable gas. Exempts public employees and private contractors authorized to clean up and dispose of hazardous waste or toxic substances and solid waste haulers and their employees who unknowingly possess, transport, or deliver pressurized ammonia gas or pressurized ammonia gas solution during the course of the performance of their duties. The bill was introduced and referred to the Committee of Criminal Justice and Corrections on January 13, 2005. A hearing was held on January 25, 2005. The bill failed to meet the March 2 deadline to be reported from Committee. The sponsor is Representative John Lovick (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/1073.htm

**WASHINGTON HB 1167 – ENERGY** – Proposes to require any electric power plant to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by twenty-five percent per year and electric producers to offset greenhouse gas emissions by one hundred percent, or completely phase out the use of coal for electricity by 2008. The bill was introduced and referred to the Technology, Energy and Communication Committee on January 18, 2005. <u>The bill failed to meet the March 2 deadline to be reported from Committee</u>. The sponsor is Representative Maralyn Chase (D). <a href="http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/1167.htm">http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/1167.htm</a>

**WASHINGTON HB 1229 - WATER USE** – Proposes to revise provisions relating to annexation of territory of certain cities by water-sewer districts. The bill was introduced and referred to the Local Government Committee on January 18, 2005. The bill passed the House on March 8, 2005 and was referred to the Senate Government Operations & Elections Committee on March 9, 2005. The sponsor is Representative Maralyn Chase (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/1229-S.htm

WASHINGTON HB 1360 - FORESTRY ISSUES – Proposes to prohibit the sale or harvest of any ancestral trees ("ancestral trees" means trees that are one hundred fifty years old or older and that exist in a forest community that is characterized with large standing trees, large snags, and large logs on the land) located on public lands. The bill was introduced and referred to the Natural Resources, Ecology and Parks Committee January 21, 2005. An Executive Session was held on February 24, 2005 where the bill was given a favorable recommendation. The sponsor is Representative Bob Hunt (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/1360.htm

**WASHINGTON HB 1357 - DRINKING WATER** – Proposes to amend the water quality joint development act to provide local government flexibility for improving drinking water and treatment services. The bill was introduced and referred to the Economic Development, Agriculture and Trade Committee on January 21, 2005. The sponsor is Representative Kelli Linville (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/1357.htm

**WASHINGTON HB 1388 – PESTICIDES** – Proposes to restrict high hazard pesticides in or around school facilities. The bill was introduced and referred to the Committee for Economic Development, Agriculture and Trade on January 21, 2005. The sponsor is Representative Dave Upthegrove (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/1388.htm

WASHINGTON HB 1413 – CONSERVATION – Proposes to add two new categories to the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. The proposed categories are Farmlands Preservation and Riparian Protection. The bill was introduced and referred to the Capitol Budget Committee on January 24, 2005. A substitute bill passed on March 9, 2005 and was referred to the Senate Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation Committee on March 10, 2005. The sponsor is Representative Hans Dunshee (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/1413-S.htm

**WASHINGTON HB 1611 - EXOTIC NUISANCE SPECIES** – Proposes to create a council of state, federal, tribal, and non-governmental entities to coordinate the management of harmful invasive species. The bill was introduced and referred to the Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks Committee on January 31, 2005. A hearing was held on February 8, 2005. The bill missed the March 2 deadline for bills to be reported from Committee. The sponsor is Representative Brian Sullivan (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/1611.htm

**WASHINGTON HB 1713 - WATER USE** – Proposes to modify water right application requirements for domestic water supply to fourteen or fewer service connections. The bill was introduced and referred to the Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade Committee on February 2, 2005. The Committee held a hearing on February 23, 2005. The bill missed the March 2 deadline for bills to be reported from Committee. The sponsor is Representative Beverly Woods (R). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/1713.htm

WASHINGTON HB 1730 - EXOTIC NUISANCE SPECIES – Proposes to prevent and control aquatic invasive species and algae. The bill was introduced and referred to the Natural Resources, Ecology and Parks Committee on February 3, 2005. A hearing was held on February 8, 2005. An Executive Session was held on February 18, 2005, where the bill was given a favorable recommendation. The bill was referred to the Appropriations Committee on February 23, 2005 and a hearing was scheduled for March 2, 2005. The bill was reported from Committee on March 5, 2005. The sponsor is Representative Jim Buck (R). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/1730.htm

**WASHINGTON HB 1863 – PESTICIDES** – Proposes to restrict the use of highly toxic pesticides. The bill was introduced and referred to the Commerce and Labor Committee on February 8, 2005. A hearing for this bill was held on February 24, 2005. The bill missed the March 2 deadline for bills to be reported from Committee. The sponsor is Representative Steve Conway (D).

http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/1863.htm

**WASHINGTON HB 2052 - LAND USE** – Proposes to establish an industry cluster-based approach to economic development. The bill was introduced and referred to the Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade Committee on February 16, 2005. <u>The bill failed to meet the March 2 deadline for bills to be reported from Committee</u>. The sponsor is Representative Brian Blake (D). <a href="https://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/2052.htm">http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/2052.htm</a>

**WASHINGTON HB 2054 – NATURAL RESOURCES** – Proposes to protect salmon and steelhead spawning beds. The bill was introduced and referred to the Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks Committee on February 16, 2005. The bill failed to meet the March 2 deadline for bills to be reported from Committee. The sponsor is Representative Joe McDermott (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/2054.htm

**WASHINGTON HB 2066 - WATER USE** – Proposes to study methods for water rights dispute resolution. The bill was introduced and referred to the Judiciary Committee on February 16, 2005. The bill failed to meet the March 2 deadline for bills to be reported from Committee. The sponsor is Representative Brendan Williams (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/2066.htm

**WASHINGTON HB 2077 – CONSERVATION** – Proposes to allow for the adoption of example critical areas policies or regulations. The bill was introduced and referred to the Local Government Committee on February 16, 2005. A hearing was held on February 28, 2005. The bill failed to meet the March 2 deadline for bills to be reported from Committee. The sponsor is Representative Geoff Simpson (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/2077.htm

**WASHINGTON HB 2168 - WATER USE** – Proposes a process for relinquishing water rights. The bill was introduced and referred to the Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade Committee on February 21, 2005. The sponsor is Representative Daniel Newhouse (R). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/2168.htm

**WASHINGTON HB 2172 – WATER PERMITTING** – Proposes that the DOE establish annual fees to collect expenses for issuing and administering each class of permits. The bill was introduced and referred to the Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade Committee on February 22, 2005. The bill was reported from Committee and referred to Appropriations Committee on March 2, 2005. The sponsor is Representative Daniel Newhouse (R). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/2172.htm

WASHINGTON HB 2194 - GROWTH MANAGEMENT – Proposes to change public participation requirements of the Growth Management Act. The bill was introduced and referred to Local Government Committee on February 22, 2005. The amended bill passed the House on March 11, 2005. The sponsor is Representative Larry Springer (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/2194.htm

washington hb 2217 - Growth Management — Proposes to change provisions relating to growth management. The bill was introduced and referred to the Local Government — Committee on February 24, 2005. The bill failed to meet the March 2 deadline for bills to be reported from Committee. The sponsor is Representative Geoff Simpson (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/2217.htm

**WASHINGTON HB 2232 – LAND USE** – Proposes to clarify how local governments may demonstrate that best available science has been included in growth management decisions. The bill was introduced and referred to the Local Government Committee on February 25, 2005. The sponsor is Representative Brian Sullivan (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/House%20Bills/2232.htm

WASHINGTON SB 5030 – POLLUTION PREVENTION – Proposes to create a Toxic Exposure Tracking and Review Panel for industries to monitor chemical use and effects of health. The Panel will report complaints of chemical exposure in the workplace or home to the Governor and other State agency authorities. The Panel will identify alternatives to compounds that are persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic (PBTs) used in manufacturing conducted in the state and work with businesses, state agencies, and recycling companies to address end-of-life issues, and to formulate recommendations and strategies. The bill was introduced and referred to the Water, Energy, and Environmental Committee on January 10, 2005. The bill failed to meet the March 2 deadline for bills to be reported from Committee. The sponsor is Senator Ken Jacobsen (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5030.htm

**WASHINGTON SB 5043 - NOISE POLLUTION** – Proposes to authorize local governments to enforce noise requirement laws, particularly to stationary sources located near jurisdictional boundaries, and temporary noise producing operations which may operate across one or more jurisdictional boundaries. The bill was introduced and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections on January 12, 2005. An Executive Session was held on February 24, 2005 where the bill received a favorable recommendation. The bill was referred to the Ways and Means Committee on February 28, 2005. The sponsor is Senator Joyce Mulliken (R). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5043.htm

**WASHINGTON SB 5099 - EMISSIONS** – Proposes to modify motor vehicle emission standards to reduce the effects of greenhouse gas. The bill was introduced and referred to the Water, Energy & Environment Committee on January 13, 2005. The sponsor is Senator Erik Poulsen (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5099.htm

**WASHINGTON SB 5100 - GREENHOUSE GAS** – Proposes to provide greenhouse gas reduction objectives and strategies. The bill was introduced and referred to the Water, Energy & Environment Committee January 13, 2005. A hearing was held on January 27, 2005 but no vote was taken at that time. The bill was referred to the Ways and Means Committee on March 2, 2005. The sponsor is Senator Erik Poulsen (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5100.htm

WASHINGTON SB 5106 - HAZARDOUS WASTE – Proposes to address inspections of hazardous materials offered by private shippers for transportation by rail. The bill was introduced and referred to the Transportation Committee on January 13, 2005. The bill passed the Senate on March 4 and was referred to the House Transportation Committee on March 8, 2005. The sponsor is Senator Dan Swecker (R). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5106.htm

**WASHINGTON SB 5118 – CONSERVATION** – Proposes to expand the criteria for habitat conservation programs. The bill was introduced and referred to the Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation Committee on January 13, 2005. The bill failed to meet the March 2 deadline for bill to be reported from Committee. The sponsor is Senator Linda Evans Parlette (R). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5118.htm

WASHINGTON SB 5125 - HEAVY METALS - Proposes to address heavy metal (lead and arsenic) soil testing requirements in child playground areas. The results of a soil test are to be made available, upon request by the owner of the facility, to the parents and guardians of children attending or visiting the facility, as well as to the staff of the facility. The facility owner is allowed to use reasonable measures to inform parents, guardians, and staff of the existence of such test results, including posting of the information on a web site if maintained by the facility. The bill was introduced and referred to the Water, Energy and Environment Committee on January 13, 2005. The bill passed Committee and was referred to the Ways and Means Committee on February 11, 2005. A substitute bill that would allow local health jurisdictions to conduct soil testing rather than facility owners was passed by both Committees on February 28, 2005. The sponsor is Senator Jeanne E. Kohl-Welles (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5125.htm

WASHINGTON SB 5357 - RADIOACTIVE WASTE — Proposes to authorize the transportation, manufacture, storage, and use of certain hazardous or radioactive materials in the state necessary for medical research, medical treatment, manufacturing, or industrial processes. The bill was introduced and referred to the Water, Energy and Environment Committee on January 21, 2005. The sponsor is Senator Jerome Delvin (R). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5357.htm

WASHINGTON SB 5385 - EXOTIC NUISANCE SPECIES – Proposes to create the Washington Invasive Species Council. The bill was introduced and referred to the Natural Resources, Oceans and Recreation Committee on January 24, 2005. A hearing was held on February 3, 2005. An Executive Session was held on February 24, 2005 where the bill received a favorable recommendation. The bill was referred to the Ways and Means Committee on February 28, 2005. It was reported from Committee on March 7, 2005. The sponsor is Senator Ken Jacobsen (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5385.htm

**WASHINGTON SB 5396 – CONSERVATION** – Proposes to expand the criteria for habitat conservation programs. The bill was introduced and referred to the Natural Resources, Oceans and Recreation Committee on January 24, 2005. A hearing was held on February 2. <u>The bill</u> was referred to the Ways and Means Committee on March 2, 2005. It was reported from

<u>Committee on March 7, 2005</u>. The sponsor is Senator Karen Fraser (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5396.htm

washington sb 5419 – water permit processing provisions. The bill was introduced and referred to the Water, Energy and environment Committee on January 24, 2005 and reported from Committee with amendments on February 24, 2005. The sponsor is Senator Karen Fraser (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5419-S.htm

WASHINGTON SB 5676 – CLEANUP – Proposes to require onshore and offshore facilities to have a contingency plan for the containment and cleanup of oil spills from the facility into the waters of the state and for the protection of shellfish beds from such spills. The bill was introduced and referred to the Committee on Water, Energy and Environment on February 2, 2005. A hearing was held on February 8, 2005. The bill passed the Senate on March 8, 2005 and was referred to the House Natural Resources, Ecology and Parks Committee on March 9, 2005. A hearing was scheduled for March 18, 2005. The sponsor is Senator Erik Poulsen (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5676.htm

WASHINGTON SB 5766 - WATER USE – Proposes to regulate the business of installing pumps in potable water and wastewater systems for domestic or commercial use. The bill was introduced and referred to the Labor, Commerce, Research & Development Committee on February 4, 2005. A hearing was held on February 24, 2005. The bill failed to meet the March 2 deadline for bills to be reported from Committee. The sponsor is Senator Jim Honeyford (R). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5766.htm

**WASHINGTON SB 5808 - POLLUTION PREVENTION** – Proposes to increase the threshold for short board appeals before the shorelines and pollution control hearings boards. The bill was introduced and referred to the Water, Energy and Environment Committee on February 8, 2005. The bill passed Committee on February 25, 2005. The sponsor is Senator Erik Poulsen (D). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5808.htm

WASHINGTON SB 5916 - ALTERNATIVE FUELS – Proposes to provide tax incentives for clean and alternative fuel vehicles. The bill was introduced and referred to the Water, Energy & Environment Committee on February 14, 2005. The bill was reported from the Water, Energy & Environment Committee and referred to the Ways & Means Committee on March 2, 2005. The bill was reported from the Ways and Means Committee on March 7, 2005. The sponsor is Senator Dave Schmidt (R). http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5916.htm

**WASHINGTON SB 6022 - WATER** – Proposes to revise provisions relating to wastewater treatment and conveyance system projects. The bill was introduced and referred to the Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection Committee on February 22, 2005. <u>The amended bill passed Committee on March 2, 2005</u>. The sponsor is Representative Margarita Prentice (D). <a href="https://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6022.htm">http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6022.htm</a>

**WASHINGTON SB 6084 - WATER USE** — Proposes to modify provisions with regard to water rights during drought conditions. <u>The bill was introduced and referred to the Water, Energy & Environment Committee March 10, 2005</u>. The sponsor is Senator Jim Honeyford (R). <a href="http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6084.htm">http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2005-06/Htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6084.htm</a>

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